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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP Amendment No. 7 – Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 7 to the MCTC 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated April 21, 2006. MCTC adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 04-13 on January 18, 2006.

This amendment modifies projects that are funded from the Recreational Trails Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the FTA Section 5307 program. Initially, this amendment also included modifications for project MAD418001, referred to in your letter as the State Route 99 Fairmead project. However, as noted in your letter, because the California Transportation Commission (CTC) did not support a requested funding action, MCTC has requested that this project be removed from this amendment.

Excluding project MAD418001 as noted above, we accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the MCTC FTIP by this amendment do not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of any projects or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming plan and FTIP. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).



This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments. This approval is provided with the understanding that approval of this programming action does not provide a federal eligibility determination for CMAQ funded projects included in this amendment. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

With the above noted exclusion, this letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the MCTC's FTIP Amendment No. 7 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Ted Matley of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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